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[Sexual Assault Awareness Month observance focuses on mission readiness](#) – Maxwell Gunter
Dispatch

A recent DOD report indicates that reports of sexual assault have increased throughout the Defense Department, a trend that is attributed to more victims using the restricted reporting option. More than 3,600 people throughout the Defense Department have used the restricted reporting option since it became available in 2005, said Kaye Whitley, director of the Defense Department's sexual abuse prevention and response office.

[Women, smoking and Navy submarines](#) – Washington Post dot.comments (blog)

"I do not believe that sexual harassment is 'likely' on submarines. It may increase the risk of sexual assault, but subs are so crowded that's not likely either. The people who will bear the brunt of the change are the women who are married to the crew members..."

[Secret Baghdad Jail Held Sunnis From the North](#) – The New York Times

Torture and other abuses of prisoners are pervasive in Iraq. The Ministry of Human Rights recorded 505 cases in 2009. The State Department's annual human rights report, released last month, harshly criticized Iraq, particularly for the maltreatment of detainees before and after their arrests. "Allegations of abuse included beatings, sexual assault and death threats," it said...

[For fourth time, LaGuer seeks parole](#) – The Boston Globe

Benjamin LaGuer, the man convicted of rape whose profession of innocence has made his case a longstanding cause célèbre... LaGuer, a US Army veteran, was convicted in 1984 of sexually assaulting his neighbor over an eight-hour period. He has been eligible for parole since 1998 but said he will not admit to a crime he insists he did not commit.

[VA Medical Center in Pineville to display 'Clothesline Project' today, April 23](#) – the Town Talk.com

The public is invited to see a free visual display called "The Clothesline Project" from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, April 23, in the lobby of Building 8 of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Pineville.

PREVIOUS NEWS

[Deployed Wing Holds Walking Event Observing Sexual Assault ...](#) – Digital Video and Imagery
Distribution System

Airmen from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing participated in the "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes" event on April, 19 in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.... "SAPRO, under the leadership of Director Kaye Whitley, continues to lead the Department's efforts to transform into action its commitment to sexual assault prevention and response. This level of commitment is necessary and must be supported by leaders at all levels."

[VAOIG Hands Out Dismal Report Card On Six More VA Clinics](#) – VA Watchdog dot Org (blog)
The contract authorizes the providers to screen and identify alcohol and substance abuse, military sexual trauma, and PTSD; however, the contract requires ...

[Guardsman sentenced for sexual assault of woman at Gap](#) – Lebanon Daily News
In exchange for his guilty plea, a more serious felony charge of sexual assault filed was dismissed. Sean P. McMenamin, 25, of Pottstown was also scheduled ...

[“Denim Day” Counts All the Ways We Excuse Sexual Assault](#) – Washington City Paper (blog)
The effectiveness of the campaign lies in its relentlessness—it details exactly how we excuse rapes against girlfriends, wives, women who drink, men, prisoners, the elderly, flirts, military personnel, sex workers, women who wear “sexy” clothing, and the disabled.

[Navy emphasizes sexual assault awareness efforts during national observance](#) – McGuire Air Force Base
Navy's formal Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, originally called Sexual Assault Victim Intervention, was created in 1994 and served as the ...

[DVIDS Images: Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leadership ...](#) – Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System
Rear Adm. Dan Holloway, director of Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, speaks at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leadership Workshop at ...

[Anonymous e-mail tried to link 7th CD hopeful to Navy rape case](#) – Denver Post
Two days before key county assemblies, e-mails went out to Republicans noting the Navy had once charged a person named "Sias" with rape. Lang Sias, a Navy veteran and one of four Republicans running in the 7th Congressional District, believes the e-mails were intended to mislead voters into thinking he was the person charged.

[Dienhart: The cult of Westboro says it's coming to Fayette...](#) – Fayette Daily News
On January 26, 2008 Westboro members went to Camp Lejeune, to protest the Marines in the wake of the murder of Marine LCpl Maria Lauterbach. ...

[Giving Women Service Members a Voice](#) –DiversityInc.com
Women currently represent 15 percent of the military, with more than 356,000 serving in the armed forces. But their voices aren't always heard, according to Former Marine Corp Captain Anuradha Bhagwati.

[Navy Emphasizes Sexual Assault Awareness Efforts During National Observance](#) – Navy News Service
The director of Navy's personnel, plans and policy division underscored the services efforts to eradicate sexual assault among its ranks in a podcast released April 16. (*Search for NAVADMIN 119/10*)

[Media Advisory - Soldier to be recognized by Justice Department April 16](#) – Army Public Affairs
WASHINGTON -- The Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) annually recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services.